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The State of Massachusetts from the best Authorities. 1799

Stock#: 88528
Map Maker: Payne
Date: 1799
Place: New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 7.5 inches
Price: \$ 245.00



Description:

One of the earliest obtainable maps of the state of Massachusetts.

Shows counties, towns, roads, rivers, lakes, islands, harbors, bays, court houses, along with topographical details. Nice detail in Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The map identifies No Man's Island. The Berkshire County boundary not shown and Norfolk County not shown. Provincetown is on an island.

The map is based upon Reid's 1796 map, with Malder still spelled incorrectly.

Following the publication of Carey's *American Atlas* in 1795, there were a small group of 18th Century works which included a complete set of state maps, including John Reid's *American Atlas*, Joseph T. Scott's *Gazetteer*, Carey's pocket atlas and several works by Jeddidiah Morse. This small group of maps and the few separately issued maps of the region, which are now virtually unobtainable, mark the beginnings of the indigenous cartographic publishing business in America, and are now highly soughtafter.

Detailed Condition:

Engraving on 18th century laid paper. Excellent bright tone and structural stability.